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SUBJ: US-ASEAN CONSULTATIONS

1. ON MARCH 2 ANTHONY GEBER (EA/EP), ACCOMPANIED BY EMBOFF, CALLED ON SANAN PLUANGPRAYOON, CHIEF OF THE ECONOMIC POLICY OFFICE OF ASEAN, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO GIVE THE WASHINGTON PERSPECTIVE ON U.S.-ASEAN CONSULTATIONS. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD INDICATED THAT IT WOULD APPRECIATE A CALL BY GEBER DURING HIS STAY IN BANGKOK. SANAN, WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN GIVEN A COPY OF OUR TALKING PAPER SUBMITTED TO THE PHILIPPINE INTERLOCUTOR, EXPRESSED HIS VIEW THAT THE AMERICAN PAPER PROVIDED A GOOD BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE ASEAN COUNTRIES.

2. GEBER INDICATED THAT THE U.S. WOULD NOT RULE OUT ANY ECONOMIC SUBJECT THAT COULD REASONABLY BE DISCUSSED BUT EMPHASIZED THAT ACCEPTANCE OF AN AGENDA ITEM IMPLIED NO COMMITMENT FOR SUBSEQUENT ACTION BY THE UNITED STATES. HE MENTIONED THE IMPORTANCE OF PRIVATE FOREIGN INVESTMENT FOR THE
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ASEAN COUNTRIES AND SAID THAT GENERAL INVESTMENT CONDITIONS FOR U.S. FIRMS IN THE FIVE COUNTRIES WAS A SUBJECT ESPECIALLY WORTH DISCUSSING IN THE ASEAN CONTEXT. SANAN THEN BROUGHT UP THE POSSIBLE IMPEDIMENTS TO INVESTMENT THAT COULD ARISE FROM REVISION OF THE U.S. TAX LAWS ON DEFERRAL OF FOREIGN INCOME. GEBER THEN WENT INTO THE BACKGROUND OF ATTEMPTS TO CHANGE THE TAX LAWS AND STATED THAT THE VIEWS OF ASEAN AS WELL AS CERTAIN

OTHER LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAD BEEN FORCEFULLY BROUGHT
TO THE ATTENTION OF U.S. POLICY MAKERS AND WOULD BE TAKEN
INTO CONSIDERATION. GEBER DESCRIBED AN UNOFFICIAL PAPER WRITTEN
BY TREASURY TAX EXPERTS ON THE SUBJECT (HUFBAUER AND FOSTER).
SANAN INDICATED THAT HE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A COPY WHICH
HE WOULD PASS ON TO FINANCE MINISTRY TAX EXPERTS. EMBOFF
SAID THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE FOREIGN OFFICE WITH A COPY.
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